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**BROCKTON PUBLIC HEARING ON CERBERUS /**  
**GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER**

My name is Dr. Barry Arkin. I am a member of Brockton Cardiology Associates and Chief of Cardiology at the Good Samaritan Medical Center.

I am very pleased to speak on behalf of what I consider to be a very positive venture for the Good Sam and this community.

A physician learns early in his / her practice that, in order to be effective, he has to be skilled in both the art and science of medicine.

The art of medicine centers on the very personal relationship between doctor and patient. It involves communication – particularly being a good listener --, prompt response to a patient's needs, attention to detail, and compassion.

The science of medicine requires the physician to be a lifelong learner. The patient appropriately expects that his doctor is expert in current diagnostic and treatment methods. The physician must provide for his patient a knowledge-based approach to contemporary medications and diagnostic testing, of which the latter may involve very sophisticated and high-tech procedures.

Patients deserve expert care and treatment in the community in which they live. Obviously not every treatment and test can be provided in every hospital, but many facilities can and should be equipped to take care of the vast majority of patients' problems locally.

Medicine is very expensive and there are no simple solutions. Providing services requires enormous expenditures by your local hospital in order to service its patients with state-of-the-art medical technology.

In cardiology, for example, the Good Samaritan provides its patients with a comprehensive array of services, which certainly can match the type of treatment provided in the Boston hospitals, including many of the most sophisticated procedures. We want our patients to be seen in our office, and we desire to manage their cardiology care through a firm partnership between the office and our local hospital.

To continue to provide and expand the services in cardiology and other areas requires money – lots of it. We are most fortunate to have Cerberus Capital Management backing us and investing in this hospital's future growth and success.

I believe most sincerely that the future of the Good Samaritan Medical Center is bright; that this hospital will continue to provide compassionate and comprehensive care for the patients in this community, and that we will deliver these needed services with the appropriate combination of art and science which the practice of medicine demands.

Thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry M. Arkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barry" being more prominent than the last name "Arkin".

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